(c) the reasons for not giving permission in time; and

(d) if such permission had been granted how much India would have earned per month?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Government is not aware of any denial of permission to China for overflights over Indian airspace.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Complaints against Income Tax officials

2807. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaint against certain officers of Income Tax Department, Chandigarh who have been forcing the businessmen in Ludhiana and other adjoining cities to deposit huge money in a private trust called "Mother India Fund" whose account has been opened in ICICI Bank;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the names of the officials involved in this case; and

(c) what action Government have taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Yes Sir. A complaint has been received against some officers regarding collection of money in the name of "Mother India Trust" and the matter is under investigation.

(b) The allegation is that many businessmen in Ludhiana as well as in North- West Region were being forced by these officers to pay money to a fund created by them called "Mother India Fund" with account in ICICI Bank where people were asked to deposit money. The matter is under investigation and the persons responsible are being identified.

(c) The matter is under investigation.